

General Orientational Questions:

Assuming that one of the major U.S. objectives in bombing North Vietnam (NVN) is to limit and reduce NVN's ability to conduct military operations in South Vietnam (SVN):

1. To what extent has the U.S. bombing to date fulfilled this objective?
2. To what extent would this objective be fulfilled if the U.S. struck all remaining JCS-recommended targets in a rapidly phased sequence?
3. Are there militarily feasible and politically acceptable changes in present plans or alternative approaches for bombing NVN that would serve to achieve this objective more surely, more rapidly, and with less cost?

Specific Questions Re: Future Effects of Bombing:

1. What are the probable effects of increasing the rate and level of U.S. bombing attacks on NVN? What limitation would various levels of attack impose on NVN's ability to:
 - a. Sustain the flow of manpower and materiel to SVN at the present level? At a higher level?
 - b. Sustain or increase the present levels of imports received from Communist and non-Communist nations?
2. What level and rate of attack would be required to:
 - a. Overwhelm NVN's repair and replacement capacity?
 - b. Significantly reduce the amount of military and civilian manpower that NVN could mobilize? For support of the war in SVN? For internal, domestic needs?
 - c. Set a comparatively low ceiling on the amount of manpower and materiel that could be transported to SVN?

- d. Effectively reduce the importation of essential military and civilian materiel and supplies from Communist Bloc and other countries?
- e. Significantly reduce NVN's capability to recruit and train key military cadres?
- f. Significantly reduce NVN's military command and control capabilities?

3. What would destruction of the following target systems contribute to the limitation of NVN's ability to conduct and support military operations in SVN:

- a. POL storage facilities?
- b. Mining of Haiphong harbor?
- c. Power stations?
- d. Coal mining facilities?
- e. Red River dikes?

etc.